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LAKE CHARLES MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

*Man sentenced to 34 years imprisonment for transmitting child pornography
and attempting to distribute obscene material to a minor*

Lake Charles, Louisiana . . .United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **ALLAN LANE LANDRY, SR.**, age 54, from Lafayette, Louisiana was sentenced today by United States District Judge Patricia Minaldi to 34 years 5 months federal imprisonment to be followed by a life term of supervised release for transmission of child pornography and attempting to distribute obscene material to a minor.

LANDRY pleaded guilty in June 2005 to a Bill of Information as a result of investigations conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The defense argued for a lesser sentence, however the court found that the child pornography, including rape and images of infants being sexually assaulted, was egregious. The Court noted that the pre-

sentence report demonstrated that the defendant had previously molested a young girl. As a result, the Judge was unmoved by the defendant's plea for mercy.

U.S. Attorney Washington stated, "Persons who trade in child pornography will not be tolerated. We applaud the district court's recognition that this crimes deserves the maximum sentence. We hope this sends out a message to anyone who trades in images of children being sexually abused and exploited that you will be held accountable for your criminal conduct."

In October 2004, LANDRY began communicating via internet with two females whom he believed were young teenagers. LANDRY began discussing his desire to engage in various sexual acts with each of the females and also began sending images and videos of himself engaged in sexual activity to the two "minors". He also sent hard core child pornography to the two minor females. The two females were actually two undercover agents from another state working independently and unbeknownst of the other on this case. A search warrant was executed on LANDRY's residence at the time of the incident in Ragley, Louisiana. LANDRY was using his home computer to communicate with the minors through internet communications. Hundreds of images of hard core child pornography was found on LANDRY's computer.

This case was prosecuted under the Project Safe Childhood Initiative announced by the United States Department of Justice in February 2006. The initiative is designed to protect our children from child predators. Under this initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies join together to investigate and prosecute crimes against children facilitated through the Internet or other electronic media and communications devices and to obtain the strictest penalties available under state or federal law.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission may only be used as guidelines by the judge. Parole has been abolished in

the federal system.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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